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August 10, 1982

Mr. Thomas N. Tetting  
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4241 State Office Building  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. Tetting:

This correspondence is in reply to your letter of July 21, 1982, concerning CEP/025/005, proposed coal exploration program, Hiko Bell Mining and Oil Company in Kane County, Utah. The lack of detail in the submitted plan can be explained by the fact that the information obtained from the proposed work will be used to support an initial showing of a preference right lease application which Hiko Bell submitted for the subject property on August 23, 1979. This application, on file at this office, contains most, if not all, of the information which would satisfy the State's concerns under requirements of Parts 776 and 815 of the regulations promulgated under the 1979 Act, "Regulation of Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations," Title 40-10-1 et seq. Utah Code Annotated 1953. The following list addresses the concerns of your July 21 letter:

1. UMC 776.11 (b-2) Responsible representative is Robert Covington, Hiko Bell Mining and Oil Company, Post Office Box Drawer AB, Vernal, Utah, 84078, phone (801) 789-3233.
2. UMC 776.11 (b-4) Exploration is expected to be conducted before the end of the drilling season but after September 1, 1982.
3. UMC 815.15 (a) Flora, fauna, and other environmental values within the area of disturbance are addressed in the initial showing submission, available for review in our office.
4. UMC 815.15 (c-1) Limitation of vehicular traffic will be made part of the final approval stipulations.
5. UMC 815.15 (c-3) Road construction to the proposed sites was discussed in the onsite inspection and the area BLM will propose construction requirements which will be incorporated into the final approval.

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6. UMC 815.15 (e) Removal and storage of topsoil were discussed on the joint onsite inspection and BLM requirements for this matter will be made part of the final approval stipulations.

7. UMC 815.15 (f) A drill site revegetation mixture and timetable will be set by the BLM and made part of the final approval stipulations.

8. All drill holes will be plugged in accordance with standard Minerals Management Service requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Abing of this office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackson W. Moffitt".

Jackson W. Moffitt  
District Mining Supervisor